

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 6 and 7. Minor amendments have been made to claim 7 for clarification without changing the scope of the claim or its allowability.

Claims 1 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over JP08007773A (hereinafter "Kawaguchi"). Claim 1 and 8 has been canceled by amendment herein, thereby rendering the rejection moot with regard to claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to include limitations from allowed claims 6 and 7, and thus claim 8 is now believed to be allowable.

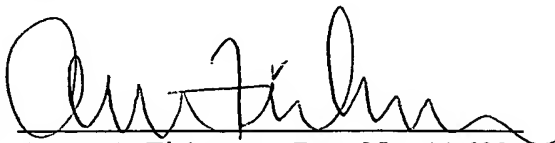
Claims 2-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kawaguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,922,612 to Tashiro. Claims 2-5 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 7, and are thus allowable for the same reasons.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36068.

Respectfully submitted,

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